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According to the present invention, a series of genes are identified in Group B *Streptococcus*, the products of which may be associated with the outer surface of the organism. The genes, or functional fragments thereof, may be useful in the preparation of therapeutics, e.g. vaccines to immunise a patient against microbial infection.

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GENES AND PROTEINS, AND THEIR USE

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to the identification of bacterial genes and proteins, and their use. More particularly, it relates to their use in therapy, for immunisation and in screening for drugs.

Background to the Invention

Group B *Streptococcus* (GBS), also known as *Streptococcus agalactiae*, is the causative agent of various conditions. In particular, GBS causes:

Early onset neonatal infection.

This infection usually begins *in utero* and causes severe septicaemia and pneumonia in infants, which is lethal if untreated and even with treatment is associated with a 10-20% mortality rate.

Late onset neonatal infection.

This infection occurs in the period shortly after birth until about 3 months of age. It causes a septicaemia, which is complicated by meningitis in 90% of cases. Other focal infections also occur including osteomyelitis, septic arthritis, abscesses and endopthalmitis.

Adult infections.

These appear to be increasingly common and occur most frequently in women who have just delivered a baby, the elderly and the immunocompromised. They are characterised by septicaemia and focal infections including osteomyelitis, septic arthritis, abscesses and endopthalmitis.

Urinary tract infections.

GBS is a cause of urinary tract infections and in pregnancy accounts for about 10% of all infections.

Veterinary infections.

GBS causes chronic mastitis in cows. This, in turn, leads to reduced milk production and is therefore of considerable economic importance.

GBS infections can be treated with antibiotics. However, immunisation is preferable. It is therefore desirable to develop an immunogen that could be used in a therapeutically-effective vaccine.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention is based on the identification of a series of genes in GBS, and also related organisms, the products of which may be localised on the outer surface of the organism and therefore may be used as a target for immuno-therapy.

According to one aspect of the invention, a peptide is encoded by an operon including any of the genes identified herein as pho1-13, pho3-21, pho2-15, pho3-18, pho3-22, pho3-3, pho3-17, pho2-2, pho1-5, pho3-1, pho3-23, pho3-50, pho1-14, pho2-10, pho3-14, pho3-24 and pho3-29, obtainable from Group B *Streptococcus*, or a homologue or functional fragment thereof. Such a peptide is suitable for therapeutic use, e.g. when isolated.

The term "functional fragments" is used herein to define a part of the gene or peptide which retains the activity of the whole gene or peptide. For example, a functional fragment of the peptide may be used as an antigenic determinant, useful in a vaccine or in the production of antibodies.

A gene fragment may be used to encode the active peptide. Alternatively, the gene fragment may have utility in gene therapy, targetting the wild-type gene *in vivo* to exert a therapeutic effect.

A peptide according to the present invention may comprise any of the amino acid sequences identified herein as SEQ ID NOS. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 35, or a functional fragment thereof.

Because of the extracellular or cell surface location, the peptides of the present invention may be suitable candidates for the production of therapeutically-effective vaccines against GBS. The term "therapeutically-effective"

is intended to include the prophylactic effect of vaccines. For example, a vaccine may comprise a peptide according to the invention, or the means for its expression, for the treatment of infection. The vaccine may be administered to females prior to or during pregnancy to protect mother and neonate against infection by GBS.

According to another aspect of the invention, the peptides or genes may be used for screening potential antimicrobial drugs or for the detection of virulence.

A further aspect of this invention is the use of any of the products identified herein, for the treatment or prevention of a condition associated with infection by a Group B Streptococcal strain.

Although the protein has been described for use in the treatment of patients, veterinary uses of the products of the invention are also considered to be within the scope of the present invention. In particular, the peptides or the vaccines may be used in the treatment of chronic mastitis, especially in cows.

Description of the Invention

The present invention is described with reference to Group B Streptococcal strain M732. However, all the GBS strains and many other bacterial strains are likely to include related peptides or proteins having amino acid sequence homology with the peptide of M732. Organisms likely to contain the peptides include, but are not limited to, *S. pneumoniae*, *S. pyogenes*, *S. suis*, *S. milleri*, Group C and Group G *Streptococci* and *Enterococci*. Vaccines to each of these may be developed in the same way as described for GBS.

Preferably, the peptides that may be useful for the production of vaccines have greater than 40% sequence similarity with the peptides identified herein. More preferably, the peptides have greater than 60% sequence similarity. Most preferably, the peptides have greater than 80% sequence similarity, e.g. 95% similarity.

Having characterised a gene according to the invention, it is possible to use the gene sequence to establish homologies in other microorganisms. In this way it is possible to determine whether other microorganisms have similar outer surface products. Sequence homologies may be established by searching in existing databases, e.g. EMBL or Genbank.

Peptides or proteins according to the invention may be purified and isolated by methods known in the art. In particular, having identified the gene sequence, it will be possible to use recombinant techniques to express the genes in a suitable host. Active fragments and homologues can be identified and may be useful in therapy. For example, the peptides or their active fragments may be used as antigenic determinants in a vaccine, to elicit an immune response. They may also be used in the preparation of antibodies, for passive immunisation, or diagnostic applications. Suitable antibodies include monoclonal antibodies, or fragments thereof, including single chain fv fragments. Methods for the preparation of antibodies will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

The preparation of vaccines based on attenuated microorganisms is known to those skilled in the art. Vaccine compositions can be formulated with suitable carriers or adjuvants, e.g. alum, as necessary or desired, and used in therapy, to provide effective immunisation against Group B Streptococci or other related microorganisms. The preparation of vaccine formulations will be apparent to the skilled person.

More generally, and as is well known to those skilled in the art, a suitable amount of an active component of the invention can be selected, for therapeutic use, as can suitable carriers or excipients, and routes of administration. These factors will be chosen or determined according to known criteria such as the nature/severity of the condition to be treated, the type or health of the subject etc.

The products of the present invention were identified as follows:

A partial gene library of GBS (strain M732) chromosomal DNA was prepared using the plasmid vectors pFW-*phoA*1, pFW-*phoA*2 and pFW-*phoA*3 (Podbielski, A. *et al*. 1996. Gene 177:137-147). These plasmids possess a constitutive spectinomycin adenyltransferase antibiotic resistance marker, which confers a high level of spectinomycin resistance and is therefore easily selected. Furthermore, these vectors contain a truncated (leaderless) *Escherichia coli phoA* gene for alkaline phosphatase. The three vectors differ only with respect to the reading frame in which the leaderless *phoA* gene exists, as compared to an upstream in-frame *Bam*HI restriction enzyme site. Because this truncated *E. coli phoA* gene lacks the appropriate leader sequence for export of this enzyme across the bacterial membrane, extracellular alkaline phosphatase activity is absent when these plasmids are propagated in an *E. coli phoA* mutant (e.g. strain DH5α). The chromogenic alkaline phosphatase substrate, XP (5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl-phosphate), does not enter intact bacterial cells and therefore only exported or surface associated alkaline phosphatase activity can be detected. When exported or surface associated alkaline phosphatase activity is present, the chromogenic XP substrate is cleaved to yield a blue pigment and the corresponding bacterial colonies can be identified by their blue colour.

Plasmid DNA was digested to completion with *Bam*HI and dephosphorylated using shrimp alkaline phosphatase. GBS genomic DNA was partially digested with *Sau*3AI, size fractionated on a sucrose gradient and fragments <1kb in size were ligated into the prepared pFW-*phoA* vectors. *E. coli* strain DH5α was chosen as the cloning host since it lacks a functional *phoA* gene. Recombinant plasmids were selected on Luria agar containing 100 μg/ml of spectinomycin and 40 μg/ml of the chromogenic XP substrate. *E. coli* transformants harbouring plasmids containing GBS

insert DNA that complements the export signal sequence of the leaderless *phoA* gene were identified by the blue colour of the colonies. Approximately 30000 different recombinant plasmids containing GBS insert DNA were screened in this manner and 83 recombinant plasmids, which complemented the leaderless *phoA*, were chosen for further study.

From these experiments, several clones were selected each containing a plasmid containing a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*.

Having identified the gene in each clone it is then possible to obtain the full-length gene sequence, as follows.

Using the identified and sequenced gene fragment, oligonucleotide primers were designed for genomic DNA sequencing. These primers were designed so as to sequence in an `outward' direction from the obtained sequence. Once read, the sequence obtained was checked to see if the 5' and 3' termini of the gene had been reached. The presence of these features was identified by checking against homologous sequences, and for the 5' end the presence of an AUG start codon (or accepted equivalent) preceded by a Shine-Dalgarno consensus sequence, and for the 3' end, the presence of a translation termination (Stop) codon.

Upon identification of the full-length gene, primers were designed for amplification of full-length product. Primers used included restriction enzyme recognition sites (NcoI at the 5'end and Eco0109I at the 3' end) to allow subsequent cloning of the product into the Lactococcal expression system used.

PCR was carried out using the primers, and the products cloned into a pCR 2.1 cloning vector (In Vitrogen). Following confirmation of the presence of the cloned fragment, the DNA was excised using the restriction enzymes NcoI and Eco0109I.

The vector into which this fragment was inserted was a modified version of pNZ8048 (Kuipers, O. P. *et al.* (1998) J. Biotech 64: 15-21). This vector, harbouring a

lactococcal origin of replication, a chloramphenicol resistance marker, an inducible nisin promoter and a multicloning site was altered by the replacement of the multicloning site with two 10X His tags, flanked on the 5-most end with an NcoI site, split in the middle with a multicloning site (including an Eco0109I site), and a Stop (termination) codon at the 3'end of the His tags.

The gene of interest was inserted so that a 10X His tag was in the 3' position relative to the coding region. Following transformation of the recombinant plasmid into L.lactis (strain NZ9000 - Kuipers, O. P. *et al.* (1998) *supra)*, a 400 ml liquid culture was set up and translation of the protein was induced by the addition of nisin to the culture. After a 2 hour incubation, the cells were harvested and lysed by bead beating. The resultant lysate was cleared by centrifugation, then passed over a metal affinity (Talon, Clonetech) column. The column was washed repeatedly before bound proteins were eluted with Imidazole.

To identify fractions containing the His-tagged recombinant protein, an aliquot from each fraction was analysed by SDS-PAGE, Western blotted and probed with anti-His antibodies.

The recombinant protein obtained was then used to immunise New Zealand white rabbits, with pre-immune sera being harvested prior to immunisation. Following a boost, the rabbits were sacrificed and sera collected. This sera was used in Western blots, ELISA and animal protection models.

Using the sera obtained from the animal studies, immunosorption studies were carried out.

Group B *Streptococcus* was grown in 20ml Todd Hewitt broth (THB) for 8 hours, harvested and resuspended in 5ml PBS. 50μl aliquots of this were used to coat wells in a 96 well plate (Nunc Immuno-Sorb). This was left at 4°C overnight to allow for adsorbance of the bacteria onto the plate. Plates were washed twice with PBS, then blocked

with 3%BSA in PBS for 1hr at 37°C. Plates were again washed. Serial 10 fold dilutions of the sera were made in PBS and 50μl of these dilutions were added to the wells of the plate, in duplicate. The plate was covered and incubated for 1 hr at 37°C. The plate was washed, then 50μl anti-rabbit alkaline phosphatase conjugated secondary antibody at a concentration of 1:5000 was added to each well. Following incubation at 37°C for an hour, the plate was washed again. 50μl substrate (PNPP) was added to each well, and the reaction allowed to proceed for 30min before the adsorbance was read at 405 nm.

Animal protection studies were also carried out to test the effectiveness of protection on the immunised rabbits.

GBS M732 was grown up in THB until mid-log phase was reached - approximately 5 hours. Cells were counted in a counting chamber, and bacteria were diluted to give a concentration of $2x10^7$ bacteria per ml in pre-immune or test sera. 50μl of this was injected via the intraperitoneal route into 0-1 day old mice. The mice were observed for survival over 48 hours.

The following Examples illustrate the invention.

Example 1

A first clone contained a gene sequence identified herein as SEQ ID NO. 1, with an amino acid sequence identified as SEQ ID NO. 2, and classified as pho1-13.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho1-13 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho1-13 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *S. pneumoniae*, *S. salivarius*, *Escherichia coli*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, *Aquifex aeolicus*, *Helicobacter pylori* and *Haemophilus influenzae*. The *S. pyogenes* and *S. pneumoniae* homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. In all other cases, the above homologues

can be identified as ATP-dependent Clp protease proteolytic subunits. The catalytic activity of Clp proteases results in the hydrolysis of proteins to small peptides in the presence of ATP and magnesium (Giffard, P.M. *et al*. 1993. J. Gen. Microbiol. 139:913-920). Furthermore, the ClpP component of Clp proteases has been shown to be induced as part of the heat shock response (Kroh, H.E. and L.D. Simon. 1990. J. Bacteriol. 172:6026-6034) and it is probable that this subunit or the complete proteolytic domain would associated with the bacterial surface.

Immunisation studies, carried out as described above, yielded the following results.

Treatment	No animals	No animals surviving at time (hrs)	
		24	48
PBS	10	7	0
Pre-immunised	37	13	0
Immunised	38	17	9

Example 2

A second clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho1-14. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 3 and 4, respectively.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho1-14 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho1-14 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Enterococcus faecalis* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. These homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. Additionally, two possible homologues were also

identified from *Shigella flexneri* (SpaR) and *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis* (YscT). These latter two homologues are related proteins, believed to be anchored in the bacterial membrane (Bergman, T. *et al.* 1994. J. Bacteriol. 176:2619-2626). In *S. flexneri*, the product of the *spaR* gene has been shown to be important for invasion of epithelial cells (Sasakawa, C. *et al.* 1993. J. Bacteriol. 175:2334-2346). Furthermore, the product of the *spaR* gene is also required for surface presentation of invasion plasmid antigens. The analogous protein in *Y. pseudotuberculosis* is a component of the Yop secretion system and is also important for virulence in this organism.

Example 3

A third clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho1-5. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 5 and 6.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho1-5 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho1-5 gene product can only be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes* and *Staphylococcus carnosus* (sceA). The *S. pyogenes* homologue was identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. Furthermore, little information is available on the function of the *sceA* gene product from *S. carnosus*. The *sceA* gene product shows some sequence similarity to the aggregation promoting protein from *Lactobacillus gasseri*. Based on analysis of the *sceA* gene product, this molecule contains a well-conserved signal sequence and is apparently secreted or associated with the bacterial cell surface.

Example 4

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-3. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The

nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 7 and 8.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-3 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho3-3 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus mutans* (rmiC), (cpsM) *S. pneumoniae* and *S. pyogenes*. The *S. pyogenes* homologue was identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene product. In *S. pneumoniae*, the homologue can be identified as dTDP-4-keto-6-deoxy glucose-3,5-epimerase. In the other two cases, the above homologues can be identified as dTDP-4-keto-L-rhamnose reductase (rmlC). In *S. mutants*, the gene encoding this enzyme, *rmlC*, is part of the *rml* locus. The *rml* locus consists of three genes which exhibit significant similarity to enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of dTDP-rhamnose, the immediate precursor of the rhamnose component in the *S. mutans* polysaccharide capsule (Tsukioka, Y. *et al*. 1997. J. Bacteriol. 179:1126-1134). An analogous locus has also been identified in *S. pneumoniae* (Coffey, T.J. *et al*. 1998. Mol. Micobiol. 17:73-83). Almost all *Streptococci* characteristically possess rhamnose in their cell wall associated polysaccharides (Schleifer, K.H. and R. Kilper-Bälz. 1987. Syst. Appl. Microbiol. 10:1-19), and it is highly probable that dTDP-4-keto-L-rhamnose reductase would be associated with the outer surface in *Streptococci*.

Example 5

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho2-10. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*.

The nucleotide sequence is shown as SEQ ID NO. 9. From this, upstream and downstream coding regions were identified, and the deduced amino acid sequences shown as SEQ ID NOS. 10 and 11.

A comparison of the amino acid sequences of pho2-10 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho2-10 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Debaryomyces occidentalis* (hatI) and *Escherichia coli* (trkD). The *S. pyogenes* and *E. faecalis* homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. In the yeast *D. occidentalis*, the *hak1* gene is a homologue of the *trkD* gene from *E. coli* (Banuelos, M.A. *et al.* 1995. EMBO J. 14:3021-3027). The *trkD* gene of *E. coli* is part of the *kup* potassium uptake system. The specific homolog identified here is the *kup* system potassium uptake protein. The *kup* system is a constitutive potassium uptake system in *E. coli*. The *kup* system potassium uptake protein contains a highly hydrophobic N-terminus that is predicted to span the membrane at least 12 times. Kup is not homologous to other known membrane protein sequences. There is no indication of ATP binding, and it is proposed that the system is driven by a chemiosmotic gradient (Schleyer, M. & E.P. Bakker, 1993. J. Bacteriol. 175:6925-6931).

Example 6

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho2-15. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 12 and 13.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho2-15 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho2-15 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Enterococcus faecalis* and *Escherichia coli* (gatC and SgcC). The *S. pyogenes*, *S. pneumoniae* and *E. faecalis* homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. In *E. coli*, the *gatC* and *sgcC* gene products can be identified as being the IIC component of phosphoenolypyruvate-dependent sugar

phosphotransferase systems (PTS), a major carbohydrate active-transport system. In PTS systems, the IIC component is typically involved in binding of extracellular carbohydrates and forms a complex with the IID component to constitute a membrane channel (Nobelmann, B. and J.W. Lengeler. 1995. Biochim. Biophys. Acta 1262:69-72).

Example 7

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho2-2. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 14 and 15, respectively.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho2-2 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho2-2 gene product can be identified in *Enterococcus faecalis, Escherichia coli* (malK and afuC), *Bacillus subtilis* (glnO), *Haemophilus influenzae* (yebM and potA), *Streptococcus pyogenes, Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Salmonella typhimurium* (malK). The *E. faecalis*, *S. pyogenes* and *S. pneumoniae* homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. In all other cases, homologues represented ATP-binding transport proteins that are part of ABC type transporters. Many of the components of ABC type transporters are membrane or cell surface associated, as these systems are involved in the transport of macromolecules from the extracellular environment to the intracellular compartment.

Example 8

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-14. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 16 and 17.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-14 was performed and no homologues could be identified in any of

the public databases. One homologue to the GBS pho3-14 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes*, but this homologue was identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene product. Using this *S. pyogenes* homologue to search the public databases yielded no further information. Since the pho3-14 product complemented the leaderless *phoA* gene, it can be concluded that this protein (or part thereof) would most probably be located extracellularly.

Example 9

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-17. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 18 and 19.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-17 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS Pho3-17 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus mutans* and *Lactococcus lactis*, with similarity being shown to N-acetyl muramidase. Similarity is also seen with an unidentified gene, yubE from *Bacillus subtilis*.

N-acetylmuramidase is an autolysin that is involved in cell division. Using this limited information along with the fact that pho3-17 complemented the leaderless *phoA* gene, it can be concluded that the pho3-17 product would most probably be located extracellularly.

Example 10

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-18. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 20 and 21.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-18 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho3-18 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes* and *Streptococcus*

pneumoniae. These homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. Using these *S. pyogenes* and *S. pneumoniae* homologues to search the public databases showed some similarity to outer surface and membrane spanning proteins. Since the ORF3-18 product complemented the leaderless *phoA* gene, it can be concluded that this protein (or part thereof) would most probably be located extracellularly.

Example 11

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-1. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 22 and 23.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-1 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho3-1 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Bacillus subtilis* (yutD) and *Enterococcus faecalis*. The *S. pyogenes*, *S. pneumoniae* and *E. faecalis* homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. In *B. subtilis*, the function of the *yutD* gene product is unknown. It can be noted however, that the *yutD* gene is located on the *B. subtilis* chromosome in a region containing genes involved in cell wall synthesis. The fact that this DNA sequence complemented the leaderless *phoA* gene suggests that this gene product is extracellularly located.

Example 12

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-21. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 24 and 25.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-21 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho3-21 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Lactobacillus fermentum* (bspA) and *Lactobacillus reuteri* (cnb). The *S. pyogenes* and *S. pneumoniae* homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. In *L. fermentum*, the *bspA* gene product has been identified as being a basic cell surface-located protein that has some sequence similarity to family III of the bacterial solute-binding proteins (Turner, M.S. *et al.* 1997. J. Bacteriol. **179**:3310-3316). In *L. reuteri*, the *cnb* gene product has been identified as a collagen binding protein that has some sequence similarity to the solute-binding component of bacterial ABC transporters (Roos, S. *et al.* 1996. FEMS Microbiol. Lett. **144**:33-38).

Example 13

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-22. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 26 and 27.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-22 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho3-22 gene product can be identified in *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Streptococcus equisimilis* (lppC), *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (oprI) and *Streptococcus thermophilus* (orf142). The *E. faecalis* homolog was identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. In *S. equisimilis*, the *lppC* gene product has been identified as being a lipoprotein that is homologous to the E(P4) outer membrane protein from *Haemophilus influenzae* (Gase, K. *et al.* 1997. Med. Microbiol. Immunol. **186**:63-73). Likewise, the *P.*

fluorescens oprI gene encodes a major outer membrane lipoprotein (Cornelis, P. *et al*. 1989. Mol. Microbiol. 3:421-428). In *S. thermophilus*, the orf142 product has been putatively identified as a cell surface exposed lipoprotein that may act as a receptor for the bacteriophages TP-J34 and Sfi21 (Neve, H. *et al*. 1998. Virology 241:61-72). The ORF3-22 product showed good similarity to the above homologues, particularly at the N-terminus. This is most likely the region required for complementation of the leaderless *phoA* gene, and therefore serves as a leader sequence.

Example 14

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-23. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the genes are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 28 and 29.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-23 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho3-23 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Enterococcus faecalis* and *Streptococcus mutans* (perM). The *S. pyogenes*, *S. pneumoniae* and *E. faecalis* homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. In *S. mutans*, the *perM* gene product has been presumptively identified as a permease, but no other information is available as to the function of this protein. Considering that the pho3-23 coding region complements the leaderless *phoA* gene, it can be concluded that the pho3-17 gene product would most probably be located extracellularly.

Example 15

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-24. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The

nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 30 and 31.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-24 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho3-24 gene product can be identified in *Streptococcus mutans* (dltB), *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Lactobacillus casei* (dltB) and *Bacillus subtilis* (dltB). The *S. pneumoniae*, *S. pyogenes* and *E. faecalis* homologues were identified from genome sequence data and no annotations were available as to the identity of the gene or gene products. In *S. mutans*, *L. casei* and *B. subtilis*, the *dltB* gene product has been identified as being a basic membrane protein that is involved in the transport of activated D-alanine through the cell membrane. The *dltB* gene product is involved in the biosynthesis of D-alanyl-lipoteichoic acid (Heaton, M.P. and F.C. Neuhaus. 1992. J. Bacteriol. 174:4707-4717). In *L. casei* and *B. subtilis*, the *dltB* gene product is believed to contain at least 9 membrane spanning domains, indicating that the protein or portions thereof are exposed to the outside of the cell.

Example 16

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-29. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 32 and 33.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-29 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho3-29 gene product can be identified in *Borrelia burgdorferi* (p23 or ospC), *Bacillus brevis* (owp) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (oprI). Although these homologues are not related to each other, they all represent major outer surface proteins. In *B. burgdorferi*, the *ospC* gene product has been identified as being a 23-kDa protein that is the immunodominant antigen on the surface of this bacterium (Padula, S.J. *et al*. 1993. Infect. Immun.

61:5097-5105). The *owp* gene product from *B. brevis* is one of two major cell wall proteins involved in the surface layer lattice (Tsuboi, A. 1988. J. Bacteriol. 170:935-945). Finally, the *oprI* gene from *P. aeruginosa* encodes a major outer membrane lipoprotein precursor (Saint-Onge, A. *et al.* 1992. J. Gen. Microbiol. 138:733-741).

Example 17

A further clone was selected containing a plasmid designated pho3-50. This plasmid contained a gene (or part thereof), which complemented the leaderless *phoA*. The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the gene are shown as SEQ ID NOS. 34 and 35.

A comparison of the amino acid sequence of pho3-50 was performed.

Homologues to the GBS pho3-50 gene product can be identified in a variety of Streptococci (penA, pbp2B, pbpB2), *Borrelia burgdorferi (pbp2)*, *Enterococcus faecalis* (pbpC), *Staphylococcus aureus* (pbpA), *Mycobacterium leprae* (pbpB) and *Helicobacter pylori* (pbp2). In all cases, the above homologues can be identified as penicillin binding proteins (PBPs). Genes encoding penicillin binding proteins are often located in a cluster of genes associated with cell wall synthesis (Pucci, M.J. *et al.* 1997. J. Bacteriol. 179:5632-5635). Furthermore, PBPs are typically integrated into the cell wall of a bacterium with some or all of the protein being exposed on the outer bacterial surface.

CLAIMS

1. A peptide encoded by an operon including any of the genes identified herein as pho1-13, pho3-21, pho2-15, pho3-18, pho3-22, pho3-3, pho3-17, pho2-2, pho1-5, pho3-1, pho3-23, pho3-50, pho1-14, pho2-10, pho3-14, pho3-24 and pho3-29, obtainable from Group B *Streptococcus*, or a homologue thereof or a functional fragment thereof.

2. A peptide according to claim 1, comprising any of the amino acid sequences identified herein as SEQ ID NOS. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 35.

3. A peptide according to claim 1 or claim 2, for therapeutic use.

4. A polynucleotide encoding a peptide according to claim 1 or claim 2, for therapeutic use.

5. A host transformed to express a peptide according to claim 1 or claim 2.

6. A vaccine comprising a peptide according to claim 1 or claim 2, or the means for its expression.

7. Use of a product according to any of claims 1 to 5, for screening potential drugs or for the detection of virulence.

8. Use of a product according to any of claims 1 to 5, for the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment or prevention of a condition associated with bacterial infection.

9. Use according to claim 8, wherein the infection is a Group B streptococcal infection.

10. Use according to claim 8 or claim 9, wherein the infection is a focal infection.

11. Use according to claim 8 or claim 9, wherein the infection is a urinary tract infection.

12. An antibody raised against a peptide according to claim 1 or claim 2.

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Val Pro Ala Val Ile Gly Gly Ala Thr Leu Leu Ser Asp Gly Ala Leu
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Thr Pro Ala Val Thr Val Leu Gln Pro Leu Arg Ile Lys Val Val Pro
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Val Pro Ala Val Ile Gly Gly Ala Thr Leu Leu Ser Asp Gly Ala Leu
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Thr Pro Ala Val Thr Val Leu Gln Pro Leu Arg Ile Lys Val Val Pro
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Phe Lys Gly Lys Asp Ile Ser Thr Ile Asn Pro Ile Glu Leu Arg Arg
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gaa aag caa ttt act cat tat aaa tct tgg aag tat tca atg gat gat   384
Glu Lys Gln Phe Thr His Tyr Lys Ser Trp Lys Tyr Ser Met Asp Asp
        115                 120                 125

tac ctt gct cat ata aaa tct gga gcg aca ggc aaa aaa gat tca tat   432
Tyr Leu Ala His Ile Lys Ser Gly Ala Thr Gly Lys Lys Asp Ser Tyr
    130                 135                 140

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Thr Ile Met Val Ser Val Lys Asn Pro Lys Thr Leu Val Gln Lys Leu
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caa gat agt ggt ttt gat aat gac aaa aag tac gct aaa aaa atg acg   528
Gln Asp Ser Gly Phe Asp Asn Asp Lys Lys Tyr Ala Lys Lys Met Thr
                165                 170                 175

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atg aaa aac gct tgg atc aaa tgc gcc aaa ctg ttg agg aaa agc tgg   384
Met Lys Asn Ala Trp Ile Lys Cys Ala Lys Leu Leu Arg Lys Ser Trp
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aaa aaa cgc tac aaa cgc gtt gca aac ttc ttt gaa act gta tcg cgt   432
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    130                 135                 140

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Gly Arg Cys Leu Trp Asn Trp Val Thr Arg Phe Lys Trp Asn Ser Ile
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            100                 105                 110

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Leu Phe Ser Tyr Pro Ile Gly Ser Thr Pro Ser Val Leu Ala Val Pro
        115                 120                 125

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Lys Asn Ser Asn Ile Lys Ala Tyr Asn Asp Ile Ser Gly His Lys Thr
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145                 150                 155                 160

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Lys Glu His Gln Lys Asn Pro Val Thr Leu Lys Tyr Thr Asn Glu Asn
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 65                  70                  75                  80

Thr Glu Trp Ser Ser Val Phe Thr Gly Ile Asp Ser Gly Lys Phe Gln
                 85                  90                  95

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Leu Phe Ser Tyr Pro Ile Gly Ser Thr Pro Ser Val Leu Ala Val Pro
        115                 120                 125

Lys Asn Ser Asn Ile Lys Ala Tyr Asn Asp Ile Ser Gly His Lys Thr
    130                 135                 140

Gln Val Val Gln Gly Thr Thr Thr Ala Lys Gln Leu Glu Asn Phe Asn
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Lys Glu His Gln Lys Asn Pro Val Thr Leu Lys Tyr Thr Asn Glu Asn
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cat cat cct aaa caa act aaa ctc aca gat aag caa aaa gaa gaa ccc   144
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aaa aac aaa gaa gct gct gat caa gag atg cat ccc caa ggc gct gtt   192
Lys Asn Lys Glu Ala Ala Asp Gln Glu Met His Pro Gln Gly Ala Val
    50                  55                  60

gat ttg aca aaa tat aag gca aaa ccg gtc aaa gat tat gga aaa aaa   240
Asp Leu Thr Lys Tyr Lys Ala Lys Pro Val Lys Asp Tyr Gly Lys Lys
65                  70                  75                  80

atc gat gtt ggt gat ggc aag aaa atg aac att tat gaa act ggt cag   288
Ile Asp Val Gly Asp Gly Lys Lys Met Asn Ile Tyr Glu Thr Gly Gln
                85                  90                  95

gga aaa att cca att gtt ttt att cct ggt caa gct gag att cgc cac   336
Gly Lys Ile Pro Ile Val Phe Ile Pro Gly Gln Ala Glu Ile Arg His
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Lys Asn Lys Glu Ala Ala Asp Gln Glu Met His Pro Gln Gly Ala Val
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Ile Asp Val Gly Asp Gly Lys Lys Met Asn Ile Tyr Glu Thr Gly Gln
                 85                  90                  95

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gta ttt tta acg att ttt att ttt acc aaa atc tct ttt atg ttt aaa   144
Val Phe Leu Thr Ile Phe Ile Phe Thr Lys Ile Ser Phe Met Phe Lys
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Gly Leu Leu Tyr Tyr Leu Leu Lys Pro Met Val Thr Phe Leu Glu Lys
 65                  70                  75                  80

cgg gga att aag cgt gta aca gcg ata tta tca gtt ttt act att ata   288
Arg Gly Ile Lys Arg Val Thr Ala Ile Leu Ser Val Phe Thr Ile Ile
                 85                  90                  95
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Ile Leu Leu Leu Ile Trp Ala Met Ser Ser Phe Ile Pro Met Met Ser
            100                 105                 110

aat caa tta cgc cat ttt atg gaa gat ctc cct tca tat gtg aat aaa   384
Asn Gln Leu Arg His Phe Met Glu Asp Leu Pro Ser Tyr Val Asn Lys
        115                 120                 125

gtg caa atg gaa aca agt tcg ttt ata gat cac aac cct tgg tta aaa   432
Val Gln Met Glu Thr Ser Ser Phe Ile Asp His Asn Pro Trp Leu Lys
    130                 135                 140

tct tat aaa ggg gaa ata tcg agc atg tta tct aat atc agt agc caa   480
Ser Tyr Lys Gly Glu Ile Ser Ser Met Leu Ser Asn Ile Ser Ser Gln
145                 150                 155                 160

gcg gtc tct tat gct gaa aaa ttt tca aag aat gtt tta gat tgg gca   528
Ala Val Ser Tyr Ala Glu Lys Phe Ser Lys Asn Val Leu Asp Trp Ala
                165                 170                 175

gga aat tta gct agt aca gtt gca cgt gtg aca gta gca aca atc atg   576
Gly Asn Leu Ala Ser Thr Val Ala Arg Val Thr Val Ala Thr Ile Met
            180                 185                 190

gct ccc ttt att ttg ttt tat ctt tta aga gat agt cgc aac atg aag   624
Ala Pro Phe Ile Leu Phe Tyr Leu Leu Arg Asp Ser Arg Asn Met Lys
        195                 200                 205

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    210                 215                 220

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225                 230                 235                 240

caa atc att gtt gct att act gtt ggt gtt att ttt tca ata atg tat   768
Gln Ile Ile Val Ala Ile Thr Val Gly Val Ile Phe Ser Ile Met Tyr
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305                 310                 315                 320

cct ttg gtt tta ggt aat aaa ctt agc att cat cca att aca att atg   1008
Pro Leu Val Leu Gly Asn Lys Leu Ser Ile His Pro Ile Thr Ile Met
                325                 330                 335

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         35                  40                  45

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Arg Gly Ile Lys Arg Val Thr Ala Ile Leu Ser Val Phe Thr Ile Ile
                 85                  90                  95

Ile Leu Leu Leu Ile Trp Ala Met Ser Ser Phe Ile Pro Met Met Ser
            100                 105                 110

Asn Gln Leu Arg His Phe Met Glu Asp Leu Pro Ser Tyr Val Asn Lys
        115                 120                 125

Val Gln Met Glu Thr Ser Ser Phe Ile Asp His Asn Pro Trp Leu Lys
    130                 135                 140

Ser Tyr Lys Gly Glu Ile Ser Ser Met Leu Ser Asn Ile Ser Ser Gln
145                 150                 155                 160

Ala Val Ser Tyr Ala Glu Lys Phe Ser Lys Asn Val Leu Asp Trp Ala
                165                 170                 175

Gly Asn Leu Ala Ser Thr Val Ala Arg Val Thr Val Ala Thr Ile Met
            180                 185                 190

Ala Pro Phe Ile Leu Phe Tyr Leu Leu Arg Asp Ser Arg Asn Met Lys
        195                 200                 205

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225                 230                 235                 240

Gln Ile Ile Val Ala Ile Thr Val Gly Val Ile Phe Ser Ile Met Tyr
                245                 250                 255

Ser Ile Ile Gly Leu Arg Tyr Gly Val Thr Leu Gly Ile Ile Ala Gly
            260                 265                 270

Val Leu Asn Met Val Pro Tyr Leu Gly Ser Phe Val Ala Gln Ile Pro
        275                 280                 285

Val Phe Ile Leu Ala Leu Val Ala Gly Pro Val Met Val Val Lys Val
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Ala Ile Val Phe Val Ile Glu Gln Thr Leu Glu Gly Arg Phe Val Ser
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cta cca att tac atc ggc tta ttc ttt aag aag cgt ttt gcc tta tat   96
Leu Pro Ile Tyr Ile Gly Leu Phe Phe Lys Lys Arg Phe Ala Leu Tyr
             20                  25                  30

gag att att ttt agt cta agt ttt att gta atg atg ttg act ggt agt   144
Glu Ile Ile Phe Ser Leu Ser Phe Ile Val Met Met Leu Thr Gly Ser
         35                  40                  45

act ttt aat caa ttg aag tca cta ttg gca tac gtt gtc gga cag tct   192
Thr Phe Asn Gln Leu Lys Ser Leu Leu Ala Tyr Val Val Gly Gln Ser
     50                  55                  60

ctg cta gtt ttt atc tat aaa gct tac cgg aaa cga ttt aat cat act   240
Leu Leu Val Phe Ile Tyr Lys Ala Tyr Arg Lys Arg Phe Asn His Thr
 65                  70                  75                  80

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gta aaa tta att cca gct ata tct gag gat ggg cat cag tca ctt ttt   336
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            100                 105                 110

ggg ttt cta gga att tct tac ctt act ttt aga gct gtt gct atg att   384
Gly Phe Leu Gly Ile Ser Tyr Leu Thr Phe Arg Ala Val Ala Met Ile
        115                 120                 125

att gaa atg aga gac ggt gtc ttg aaa gaa ttt act tta tgg gaa ttc   432
Ile Glu Met Arg Asp Gly Val Leu Lys Glu Phe Thr Leu Trp Glu Phe
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tta aga ttt tta ctc ttc ttt cca act ttc tca agt gga cca att gat   480
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                165                 170                 175

gaa ctc cta gat atg tta ggt caa gcg att cat tat ttg atg tta ggt   576
Glu Leu Leu Asp Met Leu Gly Gln Ala Ile His Tyr Leu Met Leu Gly
            180                 185                 190

ttt ctc tat aag ttt att tta gcc tat att ttt gga agt ctg att atg   624
Phe Leu Tyr Lys Phe Ile Leu Ala Tyr Ile Phe Gly Ser Leu Ile Met
        195                 200                 205

cct cct cta aaa gaa tta gcg cta gaa cag ggt ggt gtg ttt aat tgg   672
Pro Pro Leu Lys Glu Leu Ala Leu Glu Gln Gly Gly Val Phe Asn Trp
    210                 215                 220

cca aca ctt ggg gtt atg tat gcc ttt ggt ttt gat ttg ttc ttt gat   720
Pro Thr Leu Gly Val Met Tyr Ala Phe Gly Phe Asp Leu Phe Phe Asp
225                 230                 235                 240

ttt gca ggt tac aca atg ttt gcg ttg gct att tct aac cta atg ggg   768
Phe Ala Gly Tyr Thr Met Phe Ala Leu Ala Ile Ser Asn Leu Met Gly
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att aag tct ccg att aac ttt gac aaa cct ttc aaa tca cgc gac cta   816
Ile Lys Ser Pro Ile Asn Phe Asp Lys Pro Phe Lys Ser Arg Asp Leu
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Asp Phe Val Phe Met Arg Leu Val Lys Leu Leu Val Lys Asn Lys Val
    290                 295                 300

ttt aaa aac cgt aat gtt act tca agt gta gct tat att atc aat atg   960
Phe Lys Asn Arg Asn Val Thr Ser Ser Val Ala Tyr Ile Ile Asn Met
305                 310                 315                 320

ctt ctt atg gga ttc tgg cat ggg tta act tgg tac tat ata gcc tat  1008
Leu Leu Met Gly Phe Trp His Gly Leu Thr Trp Tyr Tyr Ile Ala Tyr
                325                 330                 335

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            100                 105                 110

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        115                 120                 125

Ile Glu Met Arg Asp Gly Val Leu Lys Glu Phe Thr Leu Trp Glu Phe
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Glu Leu Leu Asp Met Leu Gly Gln Ala Ile His Tyr Leu Met Leu Gly
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